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SUBJECT: DRAGON PROJECT

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1. WE UNDERSTAND THERE MAY HAVE BEEN FURTHER DISCUSSION BETWEEN SCHMIDT-KUESTER, FRG AND WALTER MARSHALL, UK, TO ASSURE THAT (A) EXPERIMENTAL DATA AND INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO FRG IS ADEQUATELY RETRIEVED FROM DRAGON INVOLVING POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FRG EXPENDITURE OF DM 3 MILLION, AND (B) SHUTDOWN OF DRAGON IS CONDUCTED IN SUCH MANNER THAT REACTOR COULD BE RELATIVELY EASILY REACTIVATED IF SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT WERE FOUND FOR SUCH ACTION.

2. SCHMIDT-KUESTER HAS INFORMALLY INFORMED ERDA THAT IEA

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R&D COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP WHICH IS TO STUDY COOPERATION IN

HIGH TEMPERATURE REACTOR AREA WILL NOT BE CONVENED (BY FRG AS LEAD COUNTRY) UNTIL MARCH. THIS DATE SELECTED TO PERMIT FRG TO MAKE FURTHER INTERNAL DECISIONS ON THE COURSE OF ITS OWN NATIONAL PROGRAM. WE REITERATE OUR VIEW, STATED REF (A), THAT IEA STUDY SHOULD CONSIDER UTILITY OF TEST FACILITIES SUCH AS DRAGON (AS WELL AS AVR AND FT. ST. VRAIN) IN ANY IEA COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

3. WHILE ERDA HAS NOT BEEN IN A POSITION TO COMMIT TO PARTICIPATION IN DRAGON FUNDING IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ERDA PROGRAM COULD MAKE USE OF DRAGON IRRADIATION FACILITIES. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT WHICH WAS REQUIRED FROM THE US TO KEEP THE DRAGON PROJECT ALIVE WAS TWO TO THREE TIMES THAT JUDGED BY ERDA TO BE PROGRAMMATICALLY JUSTIFIABLE.

4. ABOVE INFORMATION MAY BE USED BY EC BRUSSELS AND OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS IN MEETING AT JULICH AND IN OTHER DISCUSSIONS AS APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

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